[*English*]

Palm Oil Production

5511. SHRI VILASRAO NAG NATHRAO GUNDEWAR:
SHRI UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of palm oil during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government propose to boost the production thereof; and

(c) if so, the target fixed for it during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The production of palm oil in the last two years by M/s. Oil Palm India Ltd., which is the major producer of palm oil have been 2035 MT and 2108 MT respectively in the year 1988-89 and 1989-90. The total production of palm oil in the country is estimated to be around 2,500 MT.

(b) The Government of India have sanctioned several projects for development of oil palm in States particularly Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka where bulk of the land has been identified for the purpose.

(c) No target has been fixed.

[*Translation*]

'Kushak' Drain Contract

5512. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware aware that contact for Rs. 1.20 crores has been awarded recently by the New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC) to cover the 200 meter long 'Kushak' drain near INA Market violating the existing rules;

(b) if so, whether the estimate for this construction work has been prepared and approved by the technical committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The work for covering 200 meter length of Kushak Nallah near INA market was awarded to one of the contractors by the N.D.M.C. who have also reported that no rules have been violated and all codal formalities have been observed.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Not applicable in view of reply to part (a) above.

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IAS, IPS and IFS Officers for Arunachal Pradesh cadre

5513. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wether there is any proposal to set up a separate Arunachal Pradesh cadre of IAS, IPS and IFS;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the officers of these cadres

are posted to the North-East region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A proposal for creation of separate cadres for All India Services for, *inter-alia*, Arunachal Pradesh was made by the State Government but it was found that such cadres would not be viable.

(d) and (e). Arunachal Pradesh is a part of the AGMU (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) Cadre for all the All India Services and any officers from this joint cadre can be posted to serve in Arunchal Pradesh and Mizoram. Besides, like All India Service Officers belonging to other State Cadres, AGMU Cadre Officers can also be appointed in other North Eastern States on State-to-State deputation basis.

'Foul Brude' by Bees

5514. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of a disease called 'Foul Brude' caused by bees in States like Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) KVIC had conducted trials of three weeks' duration in a few selected diseased colonies for treatment with two antibiotics namely terramycin and resteclin. After trials satisfactory progress was noticed. The beekeepers of the diseased areas were explained about the cause of the disease and the consequences. The method of treatment was also demonstrated. Necessary informative steps through media of TV, radio and local newspaper were also taken. Beekeepers have started the treatment and there is progress in curing the disease.

Use of Plastic in Agriculture

5515. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plastic can be made use of in various spheres of agriculture; and

(b) if so, the extent to which this is being used therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is used for drip irrigation, green houses, mulching, nursery bags, covers for outdoor storage for food-grains. Consumption of plastics in these applications has grown over the years to about 35,000 TPA in 1991.

Cold Storages

5516. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages established in the country so far, State-wise, together with their storage capacity;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct some more cold storages in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government allocate funds for construction of cold storage in